

ABSTRACT

In a network system for transmitting and receiving contents with one or more pieces of additional information corresponding to an internal attribute of the contents, a contents server can decide the data to be transmitted without regard to a division transfer method supposed for a contents receiving apparatus.

The contents server 1 includes storage means 101 of holding one or more contents, contents data acquisition means of receiving a data request including request range information of the contents out of consideration for the additional information and extracting the data of the contents in a requested range out of the storage means 101, and transmitting means of transmitting the extracted data of the contents with the additional information, and the contents receiving apparatus 2 includes receiving means of receiving the data of the contents with the additional information that are transmitted from the transmitting means, received data decision means of deciding a receiving request range of the contents out of consideration for the additional information, and data request transmitting means of transmitting the data request including request range information.